
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes miscellaneous amendments to the Solicitors (Northern Ireland) Order 1976. The main amendments are—

- (a) to enable terms and conditions imposed on practising certificates to continue in respect of subsequent certificates;
- (b) to enable terms and conditions to be imposed on practising certificates as an alternative to suspension;
- (c) to regulate the provision of solicitors' services in the case of incorporated practices;
- (d) to extend the functions of lay observers;
- (e) to enable the Council and Disciplinary Tribunal to impose sanctions for inadequate professional services;
- (f) to consolidate the provisions relating to costs in contentious and non-contentious business;
- (g) to enable the roll and register to be kept by computer.